

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) In a system for broadcasting video programs to a user including a display, a system for providing program information to the user comprising:

an input device for use in generating an input signal representing a request for summary information concerning a video program, the program having a beginning and the input signal being generated at a time during a broadcast of the program; and

a controller for receiving the input signal and, in response thereto, providing via the display a summary of the program from the program beginning to the input signal time if the program was not tuned to prior to receipt of the input signal.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the controller is further for transmitting a control signal to a remote site in response to receipt of the input signal, and for receiving the summary in response to transmission of the control signal.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the controller is operative to receive the summary from the remote site.

4. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein the controller is operative to receive the summary from a site other than the remote site.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the summary comprises video content.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the summary comprises audio content.

7. (Original) The system of claim 5 wherein the video content is provided on a portion of the display separate from a portion of the display used to provide the program.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5 wherein the video content comprises text.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the summary comprises text embedded in the program, the text to be provided by the controller via the display only after receipt of the input signal by the controller.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a storage medium for use in storing the summary.

11. (Currently Amended) In a system for broadcasting video programs to a user including a display, a method for providing program information to the user comprising:
providing a controller for receiving an input signal representing a request for summary information concerning a video program, the program having a beginning and the input signal being generated at a time during a broadcast of the program, and for providing via the display a summary of the program from the program beginning to the input signal time in response to receipt of the input signal if the program was not tuned to prior to receipt of the input signal.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising providing an input device for use in generating the input signal.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the controller is further for transmitting a control signal to a remote site in response to receipt of the input signal, and for receiving the summary in response to transmission of the control signal.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the controller is operative to receive the summary from the remote site.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the controller is operative to receive the summary from a site other than the remote site.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the summary comprises video content.

17. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the summary comprises audio content.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the video content is provided on a portion of the display separate from a portion of the display used to provide the program.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the video content comprises text.

20. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the summary comprises text embedded in the program, the text to be provided by the controller via the display only after receipt of the input signal by the controller.

21. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising providing a storage medium for use in storing the summary.

22. (Original) In a system for broadcasting video programs to a user including a display, a system for providing a copy of at least a portion of the program to the user comprising:

a controller for monitoring a period of time during which the display is tuned to a broadcast of a video program, the period starting during the broadcast of the program, and for use in providing via the display a copy of at least a portion of the program when the period exceeds a predetermined threshold time; and

a storage medium for use in storing the copy of at least a portion of the program.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein the controller is further for communicating with a remote site to request a copy of at least a portion of the program when the period exceeds the predetermined threshold time, and for receiving the copy of at least a portion of the program.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from the remote site.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from a site other than the remote site.

26. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein the copy of at least a portion of the program comprises a complete copy of the program.

27. (Original) The system of claim 23 further comprising an input device, wherein the input device is for use in generating a request for display of, and the controller is further for providing via the display, at least a portion of the copy of at least a portion of the program during the broadcast of the program.

28. (Original) The system of claim 23 further comprising an input device, wherein the controller is further for requesting, and the input device is for use in generating, an indication whether to continue receiving the copy of at least a portion of the program when the display is tuned to a broadcast of another video program before receipt of the copy of at least a portion of the program has been completed.

29. (Original) The system of claim 22 further comprising an input device, wherein the controller is further for requesting, and the input device is for use in generating,

an indication whether a copy of at least a portion of the program is desired when the period exceeds a predetermined threshold time, and the controller is further for communicating with a remote site to request a copy of at least a portion of the program upon a receipt of an indication that a copy of at least a portion of the program is desired.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from the remote site.

31. (Original) The system of claim 29 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from a site other than the remote site.

32. (Original) The system of claim 29 wherein the copy of at least a portion of the program comprises a complete copy of the program.

33. (Original) The system of claim 29 wherein the input device is further for use in generating a request for display of, and the controller is further for providing via the display, at least a portion of the copy of at least a portion of the program during the broadcast of the program.

34. (Original) The system of claim 29 wherein the controller is further for requesting, and the input device is further for use in generating, an indication whether to continue receiving the copy of at least a portion of the program when the display is tuned to a broadcast of another video program before receipt of the copy of at least a portion of the program has been completed.

35. (Original) In a system for broadcasting video programs to a user including a display, a method for providing a copy of at least a portion of the program to the user comprising:

providing a controller for monitoring a period of time during which the display is tuned to a broadcast of a video program, the period starting during the broadcast of the

program, and for use in providing via the display a copy of at least a portion of the program when the period exceeds a predetermined threshold time.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35 further comprising providing a storage medium for use in storing the copy of at least a portion of the program.

37. (Original) The method of claim 35 wherein the controller is further for communicating with a remote site to request a copy of at least a portion of the program when the period exceeds the predetermined threshold time, and for receiving the copy of at least a portion of the program.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from the remote site.

39. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from a site other than the remote site.

40. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the copy of at least a portion of the program comprises a complete copy of the program.

41. (Original) The method of claim 37 further comprising providing an input device, wherein the input device is for use in generating a request for display of, and the controller is further for providing via the display, at least a portion of the copy of at least a portion of the program during the broadcast of the program.

42. (Original) The method of claim 37 further comprising providing an input device, wherein the controller is further for requesting, and the input device is for use in generating, an indication whether to continue receiving the copy of at least a portion of the program when the display is tuned to a broadcast of another video program before receipt of the copy of at least a portion of the program has been completed.

43. (Original) The method of claim 35 further comprising providing an input device, wherein the controller is further for requesting, and the input device is for use in generating, an indication whether a copy of at least a portion of the program is desired when the period exceeds a predetermined threshold time, and the controller is further for communicating with a remote site to request a copy of at least a portion of the program upon a receipt of an indication that a copy of at least a portion of the program is desired.

44. (Original) The method of claim 43 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from the remote site.

45. (Original) The method of claim 43 wherein the controller is operative to receive the copy of at least the portion of the program from a site other than the remote site.

46. (Original) The method of claim 43 wherein the copy of at least a portion of the program comprises a complete copy of the program.

47. (Original) The method of claim 43 wherein the input device is further for use in generating a request for display of, and the controller is further for providing via the display, at least a portion of the copy of at least a portion of the program during the broadcast of the program.

48. (Original) The method of claim 43 wherein the controller is further for requesting, and the input device is further for use in generating, an indication whether to continue receiving the copy of at least a portion of the program when the display is tuned to a broadcast of another video program before receipt of the copy of at least a portion of the program has been completed.